

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A microscope slide for educational purposes comprising: a transparent material in a rectangular shape, ~~at least~~ having a first, ~~and~~ a second area, ~~and~~ a third area defined on the microscope slide, wherein the first area carries a preparation and the second ~~and third area~~ areas ~~is~~ are provided with a non-transparent layer, ~~and a plurality of printed characters are carried on the non-transparent layer.~~ and wherein one of the non-transparent layers carries a plurality of printed characters in readable form and the other nontransparent layer carries a printed representation of the preparation on the microscope slide.
2. (original) The microscope slide as defined in claim 1 wherein the plurality of printed characters comprises readable information.
3. (original) The microscope slide as defined in claim 1 wherein the plurality of printed characters comprises machine readable information .
4. (original) The microscope slide as defined in claim 1 wherein the plurality of printed characters comprises readable and machine readable information.
5. **(cancelled)**
6. (currently amended) The microscope slide as defined in claim ~~5~~ 1 wherein the two distinct areas with the non-transparent layer are arranged in that both non-transparent coatings are arranged on opposite ends of the microscope slide.
7. **(cancelled)**

8. (currently amended) The microscope slide as defined in claim 51 wherein one of the non-transparent coatings carries the plurality of printed characters in machine readable form and the other non-transparent layer carries a printed representation of the preparation on the microscope slide.
9. (currently amended) The microscope slide as defined in claim 51 wherein one of the non-transparent coatings carries the plurality of printed characters in readable and machine form and the other non-transparent carries a printed representation of the preparation on the microscope slide.
10. (original) The microscope slide as defined in claim 1 wherein the microscope slide has four rounded corners.
11. (original) The microscope slide as defined in claim 1 wherein the microscope slide has a surrounding edge which has a rounded form.
12. (original) The microscope slide as defined in claim 1 wherein the microscope slide has a surrounding edge which has a triangular form.
13. (original) The microscope slide as defined in claim 1 wherein the microscope slide has a surrounding edge which has a trapezoidal form.
14. (currently amended) The microscope slide as defined in claim 1 wherein the least ~~one~~ of the non-transparent ~~layer~~ layers on the microscope slide is a gripping area for handling the microscope slide. ~~and thereby leaving no fingerprints on the area of the preparation.~~
15. (currently amended) A microscope slide for educational purposes comprising: a transparent material in a rectangular shape, at least a first, a second and a third area

defined on the microscope slide, wherein the first area carries a preparation and the second and the third area are provided with a non-transparent ~~coating~~ layer, a plurality of printed characters are carried on the second non transparent layer and a printed representation of the preparation on the microscope slide is provided on the third non transparent ~~coating~~ layer.

16. (original) The microscope slide as defined in claim 15 wherein the printed characters and the printed representation of the preparation are done in one color.

17. (original) The microscope slide as defined in claim 15 wherein the one color is black.

18. (currently amended) The microscope slide as defined in claim 15 wherein the second and the third area are arranged ~~the rectangular slide~~ on opposite ends of the rectangular slide and the first area is arranged between them.

19. (original) A microscope slide for educational purposes comprising: a transparent material in a rectangular shape, at least a first, a second and a third area defined on the microscope slide, wherein the first area carries a preparation, the second area is provided with a non-transparent layer wherein a plurality of printed characters are carried on the second non transparent coating, and the third area carries a sticker on which a printed representation of the preparation on the microscope slide is shown.

20. (currently amended) The microscope slide as defined in claim 19 wherein the printed representation of the preparation is printed in ~~colour~~ color on the sticker.

21. (original) The microscope slide as defined in claim 19 wherein the sticker is printed separately and is attached after the printing process to the microscope slide.

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22. (currently amended) The microscope slide as defined in claim 19 wherein the second area and the sticker are arranged ~~on the rectangular slide~~ on opposite ends of the rectangular slide and the first area is arranged between them.